

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

Present: Acting Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN) Steve Firth (SF) Responsible Financial Officer-Paul Munton (PM)

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – Tony Bracey (TB) Rob Millard (RM), PCSO Heather Burrows, and PC David Hine

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 17th April 2018 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

a) Election of officers to GPC– as two members were not at this meeting it was decided to hold this item over until the June GPC meeting.

1. Highways Report

Cheryl Norgan

a) Stevenage Local Plan- no further information at this stage.

b) NHDC Local Plan - CN has supplied GPC's response to the government on the National Planning Policy Framework Consultation on the new NPPF. The full text can be found on the Graveley website. It is known also that there were 24,000 responses to local wildlife sites being excluded from consideration in the new NPPF and the Woodland Trust reported 7,000 responses about trees being excluded. CPRE supplied a response and a petition requesting that residents contact their own M.P. to express their concerns. The deadline for Actions to be completed by NHDC, requested by the Planning Inspector is end of May 2018. The Action Lists may be viewed in the NHDC Local Plan Examination website.

2. Planning Report

Tony Bracey

a) None

3. Financial Report

Paul Munton

a) Bank Account- Our current and savings account total is £5,770.90

b) Audit Procedure- to be discussed at the next meeting.

c) Insurance- Clerk negotiated with our Insurers and they agreed to waive their Administration fee of £50.00 this year; the increase on last year was just over £30.00.

4. Playground Report

Cheryl Norgan

a) CPM in their last report pointed out that the *Playdale Twist - Climbing wall backboard is rotting*

and causing a possible finger entrapment. This should be replaced. Clerk to get a quote from CPM for this work.

JT

5. Correspondence received- none

6. Matters Arising - none

7. Any Other Business

a) Damaged Bench- the bench outside the school in Ashwell Common has been vandalised. Clerk has raised an order for Peter Bracey who has kindly agreed to undertake the labour involved. The work has been completed and looks like brand new. GPC would like to extend their thanks to Peter.

JT

b) Cycle Route repairs-update- Clerk has contacted Derek Jerrard and whilst the works order has been raised owing to more urgent commitments this is of a low priority, but will be carried out in due course. Clerk to keep an eye on progress.

JT

c) Damaged Bollards- one of the bollards at the entrance to the cycle path leading from the Corey's Mill roundabout up to the village, Ashwell Common (Cycle Network number 12) has now been repaired.

d) Bin Shelter on Highways land-A piece of Highways land was discussed.

Cllr Paul Munton left the meeting at 9.35 p.m.

e) Weeds- Clerk has contacted Dave Thomas Asset Intelligence Manager at Herts County Council regarding the overgrown weeds on the pathway leading from Pondsides to the High Street (Between the two Public Houses) he emailed a reply *The site is currently passable, however please reassure the PC that I have requested that this is further cleared back with our next cycle of verge cutting.*

Clerk to keep an eye on progress.

JT

f) Litter Picking – At the last meeting a local resident put up a suggestion that we could ask our Litter Picker if he would be prepared (at extra payment) to extend his area of operations to Litter Pick from the Corey's Mill roundabout up to the Parish boundary at North Road. He is not prepared to take on this extra work.

8. Cheques Issued

a) CPM Playground inspection £50.00 plus VAT

b) Came & Co Insurance £759.08

c) Alan Eaton Grass Cutting etc playground £240.00

d) Paul Baltruschat Litter picking (3 months) £191.00

e) Peter Bracey bench repair materials only £212.04 incl vat

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall
On Tuesday 19th June 2018**

